



**In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:**

Applicant(s): Ryouichi TOKIOKA et al.

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For: **EXPANDABLE SHAFT**

Atty. ref.: AI 422NP

**AMENDMENT**

December 22, 2009

## Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Sir:**

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 21, 2009, the period for response to which is extended by a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: